

## Special Insurance Issue


# Informer

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*A newsletter for members of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois*

## Benefit Choice Brochure Enclosed

**REMEMBER:**  
**The deadline for  
making changes to  
your insurance  
coverage is  
May 28, 1999.**  
**If you do not wish to  
make any changes,  
you do not have  
to do anything.**

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Enclosed is the annual Benefit  
Choice Options brochure provided  
by the Department of Central Man-  
agement Services (CMS). The  
annual Benefit Choice enrollment  
period will be held during May of  
this year.

Any changes you make in your  
insurance coverage become effective  
July 1, 1999. Your changes must be  
received by SERS by May 28, 1999.

Since this information is very  
important, take a few minutes to  
review the enclosed brochure. The  
annual deductible for nonpre-  
ventative dental services will remain  
at \$50 per person for the period of  
July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2000.

The new health insurance pre-  
mium rates for dependents are  
shown on page 41. Rates for depen-  
dents under the Quality Care health  
plan are the same as last fiscal year.

Please review the optional life  
insurance premiums shown on page  
37. Optional life insurance rates  
increase as you get older.

If you reside outside of Illinois  
during a portion of the year, you  
should not join a Health Mainte-  
nance Organization (HMO), Point of  
Service or managed care dental plan.  
These plans have strict requirements  
about using your designated providers.

Your benefits could be severely  
reduced if you do not use those  
providers. In some cases, no benefits  
will be paid on any claims if the  
designated provider is not used.

Eligible dependents may be  
added to health coverage during the  
Benefit Choice enrollment period  
without evidence of insurability. The  
deadline for making these changes is  
also May 28, 1999. Coverage begins  
July 1, 1999.

Dependents may be added to  
your coverage any time during the  
year if you experience a change in  
family status and notify us in writing  
within 60 days of the event (such as  
marriage, birth, etc.). Any increase in  
life insurance coverage still requires  
a completed health certificate, which  
is subject to approval by the life  
insurance carrier.

You may make changes to your  
coverage during the annual Benefit  
Choice enrollment period ONLY.  
Otherwise, you will have to wait  
until next year's enrollment period.

If you wish to make any changes  
to your medical, dental or life insur-  
ance coverage, please contact the  
SERS Insurance Section at 217/785-  
7150, or our Chicago office at 312/  
814-5853. TDD for hearing-im-  
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